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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The written specification was amended as follows:

On page 1, between lines 1 and 2; inserted the following:

-- This application claims priority from U.S. provisional application 60/437,813, filed on 01/02/2003. --

The claims were amended as follows:

a) Claims 1-19 have been cancelled.

b) New claim 20 as follows has been added.

20. (new) A CO₂ neutralizing system for use against terrorists and/or hostage takers within a confined space, said system comprising:

a source of CO₂ which has an odorant mixed therewith to
create a false impression of the nature of the gas,
manual non-explosive means to create an opening in said space,
and means to deliver said CO₂ from said source into said space,
said means to deliver said CO₂ operatively connected to said means
to create an opening.

2. Claim 20 is allowed.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen M. Johnson whose telephone number is 571-272-6877

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and whose e-mail address is (Stephen.Johnson@uspto.gov). The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on 571-272-6873. The Central FAX phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 800-786-9199.

/Stephen M. Johnson/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3641

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